

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A transportable apparatus for treating Ménière's disease and similar conditions affecting the pressure balance between the various compartments of the internal ear, comprising

a ~~mechanical~~, electronically controlled pulse generator ~~pressure variation generator~~ housed in an inner casing and operable for generating pressure pulses having pulse characteristics adapted for treating Ménière's disease and similar conditions affecting the pressure balance between the various compartments of the internal ear,

the inner casing being partially enclosed by an outer casing ~~provided with an opening covered by a removable cover,~~

a storage compartment disposed between the casings,

a flexible tube connected to said mechanical pulse generator ~~pressure variation means~~ at its one end and being provided with an ear plug at its other end, the flexible tube being disposable in the storage compartment and removable therefrom with its free end carrying the ear plug for administration of said pressure pulses to the external ear of a patient,

said storage compartment surrounding a first portion of the inner casing around which the flexible tube is disposable in a coiled manner.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first portion is removable from a second portion of the inner casing.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said second portion of the inner casing and the outer casing are made from one piece of material.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first portion of the inner casing is provided with a panel for control of the apparatus by the patient.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the flexible tube passes through an opening in said first portion of the inner casing.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pressure pulses do not exceed 30 cm of water column.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, comprising a rechargeable battery in a battery compartment and an electrical connector for connection to a battery eliminator.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said removable cover is hinged to said outer casing.

9. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first portion of said first casing is enclosed within a space defined by said outer casing, while said second portion of said first casing extends beyond said space defined by said outer casing.

10. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, said mechanical pulse generator comprising a first device for generating a static pressure level and a second device for causing a variation of that static pressure level in accordance with a predetermined program.